

METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR ENABLING TIMED  
EVENTS OF A PORTABLE COMPUTING DEVICE TO TRIGGER  
REMOTE CONTROL OF EXTERNAL DEVICES

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

One embodiment in accordance with the present invention includes using a  
10 portable computing device to remotely control devices and/or systems wirelessly.  
Specifically, a software timer application operating on the portable computing device  
enables its user to predefine the time, date, and the operation(s) that one or more  
properly enabled devices and/or systems perform in the future. That is, the timer  
software operating on the portable computing device is able at some predefined time  
15 to wirelessly trigger an action or a sequence of actions from devices and/or systems.  
For example, a user of the portable computing device is able to utilize the timer  
software to program a predefined date and time that the portable computing device will  
turn on a favorite radio program and turn up the thermostat. The wireless  
communication of the portable computing device may occur using a radio frequency  
20 (RF) technology like Bluetooth, IEEE 802.11, or HomeRF.